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City riverside heliport proposal stalls

The proposal to build a City heliport on the north side of the river next to Cannon Street railway bridge has run into such intense opposition that a public inquiry has been called to decide the issue.

Plans for the river-based heliport, capable of handling up to 25,000 helicopter take-offs and landings a year, first surfaced last December, backed by a consortium of big City names including Midland Bank, Trafalgar House and Hanson.

Designs for the £10 million heliport show a reinforced concrete, aluminium clad structure built out over the Thames in front of Mondial House, British Telecom's international communications centre. The landing deck extends 170 ft from the shoreline into the river, allowing one helicopter to manoeuvre and a further three to stand waiting. Beneath the deck are offices, waiting rooms and service areas.

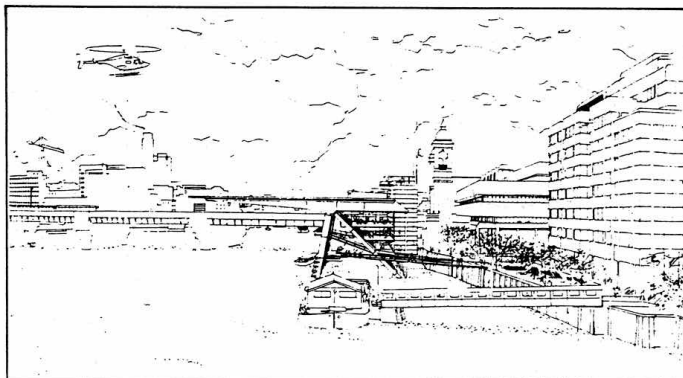
The backers of the proposal, who argue City businessmen

need a city centre heliport for quick access to other European cities, spared no expense in designing and marketing a scheme which they hoped would be accepted by the City of London Corporation, the planning authority for the north side of the Thames.

Immediately though details of the scheme were announced, it ran into a barrage of criticism from a wide variety of groups and businesses north and south of the river. These include local residents and community groups, the City of London Boys School, Barclays Bank and British Telecom, with offices next to the proposed heliport, six City livery companies and five London boroughs, including Southwark.

Opponents of the scheme say the heliport will serve only a small group of City businessmen at the expense of the quality of life and safety of many thousands of people who live and work along the river.

The main objections are noise



Artists impression of proposed heliport

levels which would disrupt the lives of residents, workers and schools, since for safety reasons twin-engined helicopters only may be used, the ruining of the riverside walkway, loss of important views of St Paul's Cathedral, in particular where it is visible from the river between the twin towers of Cannon Street Station, and increased traffic generation due to City businessmen arriving at the heliport by chauffeured car.

Given the broad range of opposition to the scheme, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Chris Patten, decided that the project was "of more than local significance" which should be decided at a public inquiry presided over by an Inspector, thus relieving the City of London Corporation of a difficult and potentially divisive decision.

No date has yet been fixed for the inquiry, at which local groups will appear.

Southwark to appeal against poll tax cap

At a meeting of the full Council last month, a majority of councillors agreed that Southwark would appeal against the Govern-

ment's capping of the borough's poll tax, set in March at £390 a year.

After the new financial year

had already begun in April the Government ordered Southwark to cut £14 million from its £240 million annual budget and set a revised poll tax figure of £304. By then, the Council had already sent out poll tax bills for £390.

The Council will appeal against the capping of its budget to the Department of the Environment, responsible for implementing the poll tax, in the hope that the decision will be overturned. Southwark has identified £3 million set aside to cover rent arrears which it will ask the Government to be allowed to spend, reducing to £11 million the area of contention.

If the Government insists that the savings be made, cuts in council services would again be back on the

agenda. Although no 'shopping list' of cuts has been drawn up, services which the Council has no legal duty to provide, such as a range of services for the elderly, and library services, could be under threat. Doubt also clouds the future of many voluntary organisations funded by the Council which have been told that grants will be reviewed at the end of June.

In addition to an appeal to the Government against capping, Southwark intends to challenge in the High Court the legality of the Department of the Environment's decision to set a ceiling on local authorities' spending and poll tax levels. Such a challenge could delay by months the setting of a final figure for the poll tax.



Demonstration against the poll tax

Archbishops Park to get facelift

Archbishops Park on Lambeth Palace Road could well be regarded as one of Waterloo's most underused assets. This may have something to do with the fact that to the uninitiated the unkempt bushes which border the park on Lambeth Palace Road look as though they enclose some derelict site.

Once inside the park however, which is one of the few green spaces in the area, it is obvious that this sizeable oasis in a desert of neighbouring concrete has considerable potential. Lambeth Council is planning to realise at least part of this potential with a programme of improvements to the eastern end of the park, partly funded by the Department of the Environment.

The Council's landscape architects have been working on the design of the scheme since the beginning of the year. In February, a small exhibition was held at Waterloo Action Centre on the architects' initial ideas and public comments were invited. Now, work will commence in the summer.

Land along Lambeth Palace Road, presently outside the park's boundaries, will be



Archbishops Park ... new facilities for children

incorporated within the park. With new entrance gates and boundary railings, the park will have a more definite identity and be more publicly visible.

The present play area, at the north eastern edge of the park, will be replanted and turfed, thus breaking up much of the existing concrete. The play area will be relocated with new equipment to a sunnier spot in the park. A

new landscaped terraced garden will also be provided and there will be improved access and security around the toilet block.

The new extended park will provide a welcome breathing space in highly built up Waterloo, with few open spaces. It is hoped that local residents, particularly children, will take full advantage of the park's improved facilities.

put up around the former St George's Circus open space, next to Borough Road Library, without planning permission. Despite the protests of some local residents, the Council eventually allowed the hoardings to remain.

Soon after, the new owners turned the hoarding-enclosed site into a temporary car park, again without planning permission. Despite this being brought to the attention of the Council, nothing has been done about it. There is now an application to build a nine storey office block on this site.

The same abuse of planning laws applies to the derelict site opposite, formerly the Royal Eye Hospital. When a development of yuppie flats fell through last year, the owners turned the site into a temporary car park, again without planning permission and again without enforcement action being taken against them by the Council.

The latest instance concerns hoardings erected by a publicity firm, at the end of March, without planning

permission around St George's Buildings on St George's Road, near the Elephant & Castle. This empty Council-owned block has fallen into disrepair while the Council has been trying to raise funds to refurbish it and provide much needed homes in the north of the borough.

Only a few months ago the Council bricked up the building to prevent squatters getting into what is a dangerous structure. Now the hoardings have gone up without any consultation of local residents, again without planning permission. The company which put up the hoardings has applied for permission but so far this has not been granted.

Stricter action needs to be taken against those who abuse the planning system for their own selfish ends. Where the use of a property is changed without planning permission, enforcement action can be taken by the Council against them to reverse what they have done. Southwark says it has too few enforcement officers for the job.

A walk through time

The Southwark Heritage Association has recently produced a brief but very useful guide to some of the places of interest in the 'Borough' area of North Southwark. This area, centred on Borough High Street, is rich in historical associations dating from the days of the Romans, when it was the junction of two highways, one from the English Channel and the other from the Sussex coast.

Later, Borough High Street became a famous thoroughfare leading to London Bridge, the only crossing of the Thames in London until 1750. The area was famous for its inns which provided for travellers and pilgrims and surviving examples can be seen at The Anchor, Bankside and The George Inn, the only remaining galleried inn in London.

Another well known landmark is the Borough Market which has existed in one form or another in the Borough since the 13th century. It moved to its present site in 1756 where its survival as London's only remaining wholesale fruit and vegetable market is threatened by British Rail's intention to build a new railway viaduct across Borough High Street and the Market.

These are just some of the 40 places listed in the guide, each with brief notes, called 'Discover the Borough - a Walk through Time'. It is available free of charge from Southwark Heritage, the Visitor Centre, St Mary Overie's Dock, Cathedral Street, SE1. The centre is open from 9.00am-5.00pm weekdays.



Borough Market porter

Uncertainty still over SE1 Jubilee Line stations

Months after the announcement of the extension of the Jubilee Line eastwards to docklands, it is still uncertain whether new stations will be provided at Blackfriars and Bermondsey.

Recently, Simon Hughes MP and Anne Matthews, Leader of Southwark Council, met the Minister for Transport, Michael Portillo to lobby for the Southwark and Bermondsey stations to be built. Although provision for the new stations is contained in a Bill presently going through Parliament which is expected to approve the new line, there is no guarantee that they will be built.

It appears that London Underground is having second thoughts about these two stations, where patronage is expected to be light, because of cost considerations. When the route of the line was first announced in January, the cost of the line was estimated at £1 billion, with private property developers expected to contribute £400 million towards the cost. Since then, estimates of the

cost of building the line have risen and private developers are only willing to contribute £200 million.

The line, which it is hoped will be in operation by 1997, will extend from Green Park to Waterloo, London Bridge, Canary Wharf on the Isle of Dogs, Greenwich Peninsula and on to Stratford.

Although the line was not considered by many transport planners as a priority to relieve congestion and improve public transport in London, the Government was attracted to the scheme because of the promise of private funds.

There have been other objections, particularly from residents along its route, about the impact on communities during the construction period. Waterloo Community Development Group, for instance, has submitted a petition to the House of Commons objecting to the Bill, together with many local tenants associations and individuals.



WCDG is critical of London Regional Transport for having ignored the views of local people on a number of points. During the construction phase of the line, LRT intends to use the whole of Jubilee Gardens as a work site, possibly for as long as six years, closing it therefore to the public. In addition,

LRT are planning to demolish shops in Tenison Way and occupy the Bullring. Both sites will also be closed during the construction period.

For further details on the campaign to keep Jubilee Gardens open, contact Dave or Tina at WCDG on 633 9291.

Red routes get go-ahead

The Department of Transport announced last month plans for the introduction of 'red routes' in London. As we reported in the February issue of SE1, the aim is to speed up traffic flows along main roads in central London by strictly enforcing parking regulations.

In the SE1 area, Waterloo Road, York Road, Blackfriars Road, Borough High Street, Tower Bridge Road, Tooley Street and Southwark Street, would all become 'red routes' under the plan.

Residents' fears that the 'red routes' will lead to swifter flowing traffic, posing a threat to pedestrian safety, and that illegal car parkers will use residential side streets instead of main streets, appear to have been dismissed by the Department of Transport, which is looking for cheap solutions to London's grave transport crisis.

A pilot 'red route' scheme, from Aldgate to Highgate will commence in the summer. Critics of the scheme now say that any road space freed up by strict enforcement must be dedicated to buses and bicycles.

Remembering the Globe Theatre



In a recent edition of SE1, a reader enquired if we could find a photograph of the Globe Theatre in Old Kent Road. Another of our readers, Tom Johnson, kindly supplied us the photograph above which shows the Pearly King and Queen of Southwark, Fred and Mary Tingley, outside the theatre in 1959, after a collection for an elderly peoples' Christmas Party.

The Globe Theatre was at 59-61 Old Kent Road. It opened in 1910 as the 'Globe Electric Theatre' and closed in February 1960, according to the archives of Southwark's Local Studies Library.



Royal Eye from hospital to car park

HEALTH**HEALTH PROJECT**

Waterloo Health Project, c/o St John's Church, 73 Waterloo Road, SE1 8TV, 633 0852
Organise workshops and courses around health issues. Coordinate community participation in the Health Service. Developing a resource bank.

INTERPRETING AND TRANSLATING PROJECT

Moffat Health Clinic, 65 Sancroft Street, SE11, 820 1839/735 4169 ext 133

For anyone in West Lambeth Health Authority district who needs an interpreter to assist them at a clinic, health centre or hospital. Telephone to book an interpreter.

PSYCHIATRIC DAY HOSPITAL

St Thomas' Psychiatric Day Hospital - School Age Unit, 35 Black Prince Road, SE11, 735 1972

RAPE COUNSELLING GROUP

Phone Alison or Pauline on 633 0852

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Lloyds Clinic, Guy's Hospital, SE1, 407 7600 ext 2292
General advice: Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.30pm

Clinics: Men: Mon, Thur 1.00pm-3.00pm, Tue, Wed 9.00am-11.00am, Fri 9.00am-10.00am
Women: Mon, Thur 9.00am-11.00am, Wed 1.00pm-3.00pm

Lydia Clinic, St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1, 9282 9292 ext 2329 (women) ext 2129 (men)
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 9.00am-6.00pm, Tue 9.00am-4.00pm
No appointment - just drop in

SMOKING

Chest Dept, St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Wing First Floor, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1, 928 9292 Mon 2.00pm-4.00pm
Drop-in service. One to one counselling.

DENTISTS

SE1
43 Borough High Street, SE1, Brennan, Friedman, Hardee, 407 4330
305 Borough High Street, SE1 Chater, Walisiewicz*, Bown, 407 3883
52 Kennington Road, SE1, Harris*, Millar, Millman*, Moss*, Ravindranathan*, 928 5964
108 St Georges Road, SE1, Portelly, Portelly* 928 4474
Medical Division, Shell Centre, SE1, Taggart, 934 6206
82 Southwark Street, SE1, Williams, Subadan*, 407 1154
223 Waterloo Road, SE1, Ho, 928 5844

SE11

137 Lambeth Walk, SE11, Crichton, Powers*, 735 1939
Lambeth Community Care Centre, Monkton Street, SE11
Diu, 582 5513

* denotes women dentists

DOCTORS**SE1**

305 Borough High Street, SE1
Drs Smith & Misra* 407 4248
53 Hatfields, The Cut, SE1
Dr Shanash, 928 6650
5 Munro House, Frazier Street, SE1
Dr Beckley*, Dr Harborow, 928 4049
2 Princess Street, SE1
Drs Pietroni, Pietroni*, Curson, Fonseca, 928 0253
Rowland Hill House, Blackfriars Road, SE1
Dr Chuda, 928 6216

SE11

8 Jonathon Street, SE11
Dr Croft, 735 11971
204 Kennington Lane, SE11
Drs Brooks, Staunton*, Lobban, 735 1770
Hurley Clinic, Ebenezer House, Kennington Lane, SE11
Drs Levine*, Preston, Poole, Dudley*, Ashworth, 735 7918
Lambeth Road Group Practice, 80 Kennington Road, SE11
Drs Mason, Morrell, Zander*, Sharp*, Baggaley*, Watkins, 735 4412

* denotes women doctors
+ sympathetic to home births

OPTICIANS**SE1**

7 Bedale Street, SE1, Quinlan's Opticians, 789 1820
153 Borough High Street, SE1, HJ Sunderland, 407 3267
305 Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, SE1, CF Cropan, 703 3945
56-62 Newington Causeway, SE1, London Refraction Hospital, 407 1479
Shell Centre, SE1, Dollond, Aitchison, 928 5343
45 The Cut, SE1, Betterspecs, 928 5335
Waterloo Station, Unit 2, SE1, Special Eyes, 928 2192

SE11

157 Lambeth Walk, SE11, Hatton Opticians, 582 8877
2 Wincott Parade, 173 Kennington Road, SE11, Clearlight Opticians, 735 3793

PHARMACISTS

39/41 Borough High Street, SE1, City Drug Company, 407 2061, Open: Mon - Fri 9.00am-6.00pm
317 Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, SE1 Irvin's Pharmacy, 703 7077
Open: Mon Tue Wed 9.00am-5.30pm Thurs 9.00am-1.30pm Fri 9.30am-6.30pm
333/4 Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, SE1, Boots, 703 6149
Open: Mon-Sat 8.45am-5.30pm
99 Kennington Lane, SE11, BTY Leung, 582 6344
Open: Mon-Fri 9.00am-7.00pm Sat 9.00am-5.00pm
44 Kennington Road, SE1, Cam Pharmacy, 620 0427, Open: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.00pm, Sat 9.00am-7.00pm Sun and Bank Holidays 10.00am-6.00pm
Lambeth Towers, 76 Kennington Road, SE11, K Gallagher, 735 9883
Open: Mon-Fri 9.00am-6.00pm Sat 9.00am-1.00pm

142/144 Lambeth Walk, SE11, Paterson Heath & Co Ltd, 582 0990
Open: Mon Tue Wed Fri Sat 9.00am-1.00pm, Thurs 9.00am-1.00pm
98/99 Lower Marsh, SE1, Boots, 928 4219
Open: Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.30pm Sat 9.00am-1.00pm
112 Lower Marsh, SE1, Springfield Chemist, 620 0260
9 Newington Causeway, SE1, Krystal Pharmacy, 223 6334
Open: Mon-Fri 9.00am-7.00pm Sat 9.00am-6.00pm
Perronet House, Unit 3, Princess Street, SE1, Gokul Chemists, 928 0049
Open: Mon Tue Thur Fri 9.00am-7.00pm, Wed 9.00am-2.00pm, Sat 9.00am-5.00pm
Waterloo Station, SE1, Boots, 620 0273
Open: Mon-Fri 7.30am-7.00pm, Sat 9.00am-6.30pm
53 York Road, SE1, Kalmak Chemists, 928 1028
Open: Mon-Fri 8.30am-6.00pm

HOMELESSNESS**BLACKFRIARS HOUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PROJECT**

44 Nelson Square, SE1 OQA, 928 9521
For 16-21s living in Blackfriars, North Lambeth and North Southwark. One room with shared amenities. Referrals from 'sensible adults'. Telephone for details.

Cecil House

266 Waterloo Road, SE1 8RF, 928 5752
Hostel for women of all ages, except for people with special problems or addictions. Room for 44 in single and shared rooms. Bed and breakfast provided with optional evening meal. Payment in advance.

CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE CENTRE

Secker Street, SE1, 633 0128
For 18s-30s. Students and single workers. Single, twin and treble rooms. Self catering. 1 month fee in advance.

COORDINATED ACCOMMODATION SCHEME (CAS) NACRO

51 Borough High Street, SE1 1NB, 378 7537 (Admin)
For single people, including people who have been in trouble with the law. Variety of shared houses in nine boroughs comprising 153 single bedrooms with shared kitchens.

HOUSING SUPPORT TEAM

64-66 Newington Causeway, SE1 6DF, 407 0092
Open office hours. HST runs training courses for people being rehoused.

LONDON EMERGENCY MISSION

Webber Street, SE1, 928 1677
Mon-Fri Hot breakfast and service starting at 7.45am. Mon, Wed 6.45pm service and evening meal. Tue, Thur morning free clothing handout.

NORTH LAMBETH DAY CENTRE

St John's Crypt, 73 Waterloo Road, SE1 8UD, 261 9622
Drop in Mon-Fri 1.00pm-4.00pm Mornings by appointment. Advice Wed 2.00pm-4.00pm. Work with people who are homeless or in hostels to support their efforts to change their lifestyles and lead increasingly independent lives. Basic education scheme, health care worker, general welfare advice. Art work room, kitchen, launderette and showers available at a small charge. Can help find accommodation.

SALVATION ARMY HOSTEL

115a Blackfriars Road, SE1 8JS, 928 4591
For single men 18 and over. Dormitory type rooms. Call any time. Doctor calls once a week. Social worker present 9.00am-5.00pm.

259 PROJECT

259 Waterloo Road, SE1 8XL, 261 0029
Run by the Salvation Army. Take young men up to 25. Programme of life skills and social skills. Resettlement unit. Phone for interview. This is not an emergency hostel.

VAUXHALL ACTION FOR HOMELESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Vauxhall Mission, Worgan Street, SE11, 582 1313/793 0030
Wed 10.0am-1.00pm Women only. Thur, Fri 9.00am-1.00pm, Sat 9.00am-4.00pm, Sun 10.00am-1.00pm
Advice on housing, hostels, health care, benefits, alcohol problems. Can refer people on. Very cheap, nourishing home-cooked food. Second hand clothes and bedding available. Music centre, washing facilities and

HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Peabody Trust, 207 Waterloo Road, SE1 8XW, 928 7811

HOUSING COOPERATIVE

Coin Street Community Builders, 99 Upper Ground, SE1 9PP, 620 0544 (Admin), 633 9651 (Gen information)

HOUSING BENEFITS OFFICE

Council Tenants: Housing Benefits Office 5, Wheatshaf Lane, SW8, 622 6506 - for Waterloo, Kennington, Oval, Vauxhall, and North Stockwell. Mon Tue Thur Fri 9.00am-1.00pm, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Wed 9.00am-12 noon. Private tenants and owner occupiers: Olive Morris House, Brixton Hill, SW2, Tue Thur 10.00am-4.00pm

HOUSING NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICE

Waterloo and Kennington Area, 91 Kennington Lane, SE11, 582 5435. Previously served by Lambeth Towers and Kennington Lane. Vauxhall Area, Vauxhall Walk, SE11, 582 6404. Previously served by Ethelred and Vauxhall Gardens.

LEISURE**LIBRARIES**

Borough Road Library, 7/12 Borough Road, SE1 OAF, 928 5562
Mon Closed Tue 9.30am-8.00pm Wed Closed Thur 9.30am-8.00pm Fri 9.30am-1.00pm Sat 9.30am-5.00pm
Computer sessions for girls and women Tue 4.00pm-5.30pm

Durning Library, 167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF, 735 2349
Mon Closed Tue 9.00am-6.00pm Wed 9.00am-8.00pm Thur Fri 9.00am-6.00pm Sat 9.30am-12.30pm, 2.00pm-5.00pm Sun 2.00pm-6.00pm

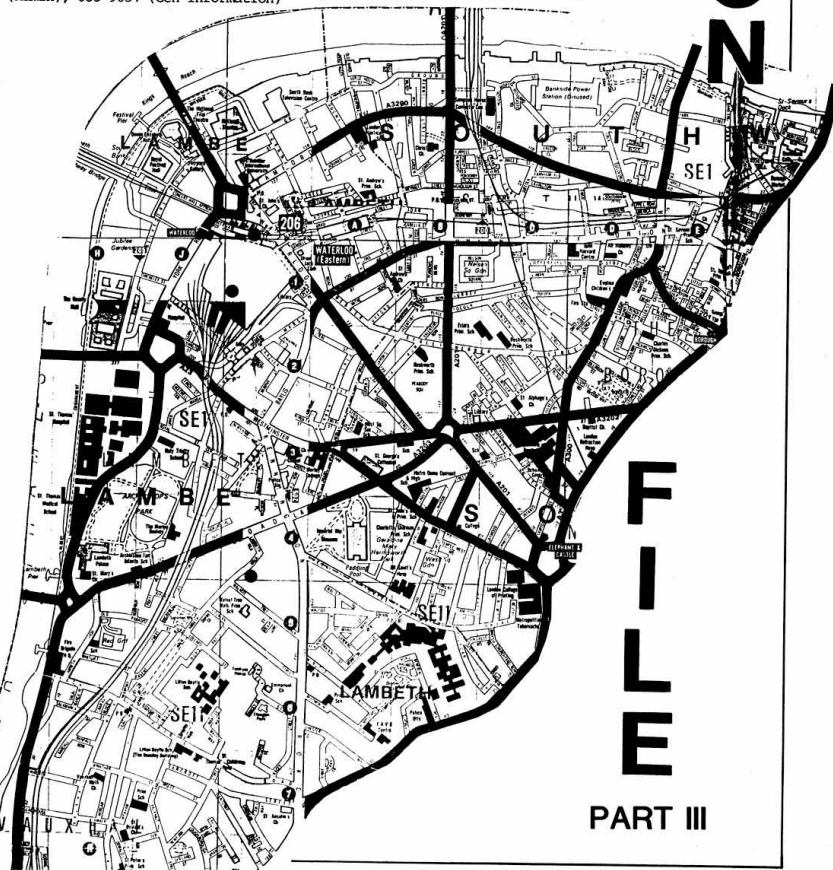
Imperial War Museum Library, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HZ, 735 8922

India Office Library, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, 197 Blackfriars Road, SE1, 928 9531
A reference and research library for all aspects of South Asia, particularly the Indian sub-continent.

John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA, 407 0807
Mon Tues 9.30am-8.00pm Wed 9.30am-5.00pm Thur Fri 9.30am-8.00pm Sat 9.30am-1.00pm

Lambeth Palace Library, SE1, 928 6222. Collection on ecclesiastical history.

The Local Information File has been compiled by SE1 and SE11, the File covers services and facilities in parts, but not all, of these two postal districts. The File will be continued in future issues of SE1.



LOCAL INFORMATION

FILE
PART III

Water under the Waterloo bridge

Dear SE1

I was born in 1910 in Roupell Street, Waterloo, and I was the last of a family of nine children. My grandmother who was the only grandparent I knew, lived at 72 Roupell Street for over 50 years. Her maiden name was Chard, and strange to relate she came from the place bearing that name.

When my mother was first married, she lived at 33 Roupell Street, and when her family increased, she moved to 44, where my father's parents lived. They came from Sheffield when my father was eleven years old. I moved from there in 1982. There were Randall's in residence there for over 100 years. What about a blue plaque?

I went to St John's School in Exton Street where Mr T Nicholson was Headmaster for a number of years, and Mrs Cass was one of the teachers I knew and she also taught my brother Fred. Later she went to St Andrew's and taught until she turned 70 years old.

On special days such as Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, etc, we went to a service in St John's Church, and one of our school teachers played the organ there. His name was Mr Keys, a most appropriate name for one who tickled the ivories.

There were three streets across Waterloo Road,

Frances Street, Agnes Street and Ann Street. These were named after the daughters of Francis Boyce who was a wealthy merchant. On the corner of Frances Street was an Express Dairy Restaurant, and in the main road was a shop called Ray's who sold sweets, etc. Just up the road was Harvey and Thompson's pawnshop. There was also a branch in The Cut but this bombed in 1941. I was home on leave at the time.

Waterloo has changed very much over the years, and Cornwall Road, Wootton Street and Ethelm Street were demolished and replaced with better housing and the little courts disappeared. Other streets which went were York Road, Tenison Street, Howley Place and Howley Street. These were demolished to make room for the South Bank and Shell Centre. In a street off York Road was Manners Street, and there was a small wooden hut there which contained a barrow for carrying the drunks to the police station.

In Waterloo Road close to St John's Church at one time was 'The Old Watch House'. The object of this was to keep an eye on body snatchers who might attempt to steal items from bodies buried in the churchyard.

Some of the street names have been changed over the years, and off Waterloo Road was Pearman Street. This later became known as Pear Street. Windmill Street was later



renamed Windmill Walk and in York Road, Jenkins Street was previously known as College Street.

I remember a fruit stall in Lower Marsh run by a bearded gent whose name was Poplewell. He had a call 'fine bit of grape' but it sounded more like 'five bar gate' to me. In The Cut there was an elderly couple Mr and Mrs Gunter who sold swedes and turnips, etc. There was also a shop called the 'Bee

Hive' where they sold draperies, etc and next door was a groceries shop, and a gent in a straw hat used to call out 'new laid eggs, twelve for a bob'.

In Waterloo Road was a school dental clinic, and I recall going there for dental treatment. It was called the Rose Lamertine Yates Clinic.

Leslie Randall
Henry House,
Coin Street, SE1

Food shortage

A local canteen serving cheap and wholesome food, which had become almost a social centre for local people, has become the latest victim of cuts in the National Health Service.

The canteen at Lambeth Community Care Centre, serving staff, patients and users of the Centre, has closed because the budget of West Lambeth Health Authority has been slashed again.

One option being discussed to revive the canteen is the involvement of private enterprise in developing a cafeteria to provide meals at the Centre, as well as expanding the service to the wider community. Anyone interested in the future of the canteen should urgently contact Andrew Short at Lambeth Community Care Centre, Monkton Street, SE11, telephone 582 5513.

Dancing days

A large crowd enjoyed Morley College's recent 'Day of Dance'. The tutors were impressed by the students' enthusiasm as they tried out a wide range of dance styles.

All the tutors at the 'Day of Dance' are teaching at Morley this term, so here is your opportunity to get into dance. New courses which new students might especially enjoy are Afro-Caribbean Dance on Fridays 5-6pm, Exercise and Dance on Fridays 4.30-5.30pm, and Creative Dance on Tuesdays at 2.15-3.45pm.

In addition to the above courses, there are a wide range of continuing courses including jazz dance, tap, contemporary or ballet. Jane Carr at Morley is happy to inform you about classes. You can contact her at Morley College on 928 8501.

Go to Clink

At a time when recent Poll Tax riots are 'old hat' to the Clink - burnt down by Poll Tax rioters in 1981 - the Clink Exhibition, just one year old, has announced lower prices, new opening times and more to see.

The Clink was the private prison of successive Bishops of Winchester within Winchester Palace on Bankside. Also within the 'Liberty of the Clink', an area of about 80 acres ruled by the Bishops, were 22 brothels owned and licensed by them. They were only sold off at the end of the sixteenth century.

The Clink Exhibition tells this unusual story. The Exhibition is at 1 Clink Street, SE1, and opens 10.00am-6.00pm, 7 days a week, price £2 adults, £1 concession, £5 family.

A secure life

Yuppies afraid to buy into rugged inner city areas need fear no more, according to the weekly magazine of the property world, Chartered Surveyors Weekly.

A new housing scheme in Bermondsey, at Melford Court, has been designed with their security needs in mind. Eleven three-storey town houses look into a central courtyard enclosed by high walls opened by remote-control. All the reserved parking bays are behind the barricades too. Further refinements include security alarm systems with panic buttons. Price is a mere £185,000.

Bermondsey could become a new Islington according to the magazine, if it wasn't for the traffic and lack of facilities and, dare they say it, the locals?

Families Anonymous, a member's story

Over eight years ago I learned my only son was a heroin addict. At that time, he was 25 years old, and as I later found out had been using drugs for about 10 years. He had started by using cannabis at school and by the time I learned of his illness he was injecting five times a day, just to feel 'normal'.

I suppose I was purposely blind to the evidence, making excuses for his bad behaviour, inventing reasons for his mood swings, why he slept all day, and most of all, disappearance of things around the house.

I was filled with shame and guilt, believing it was something I had - or had not - done, that caused my son to turn to drugs, and I vowed that I would give him all my support and that 'together we would beat it'.

As I know now, I did all the wrong things, believing them to be right. I made excuses for his absence from work, for his bad behaviour, paid his debts and fines, thinking that if I took upon myself all his responsibilities of normal living, he wouldn't need his drugs to mask his anxieties.

During this period, I became totally isolated from my family and friends, refusing

invitations, as I couldn't speak without bursting into tears. I was too ashamed to tell my guilty secret, and was near to a mental and physical breakdown.

My turning point came when I heard about an organisation which had recently started self-help groups for families and friends of addicts. This was Families Anonymous. My first meeting was spent in tears, but the relief of being amongst people who knew what I was going through and the love and support they gave me is still in my mind to this day. My shame and guilt disappeared and I came away from that meeting as if a ton weight had been lifted from my shoulders.

Subsequent meetings taught me so many things. My 'helping' was in fact the complete opposite! I was taking on the responsibility of my son's life, not allowing him to face the consequences of his actions, and enabling him to 'use' comfortably in our home. In fact I was accepting the unacceptable.

With the help of my new anonymous friends - only first names are used - I was slowly able to change my attitudes. Just to say 'no' in a quiet voice and stick to it, was no mean feat for me in those days.

Today, my son is well. He has been in 'recovery' for six years, using neither alcohol or drugs. I would love to take credit for his battle, but I know I would be kidding myself. His victory is wholly his, but of one thing I'm sure, my change of attitudes certainly helped.

I still go to my meetings, gaining knowledge and putting back in all I've taken out. Drug addiction affects many more people than the addicts themselves. Families Anonymous helps the families and friends of addicts to come to terms with the appalling problems drug abuse inevitably brings.

If your story sounds similar to mine, or if you're suspicious of a loved one's behaviour, please come along to a meeting. You'll be sure of a warm welcome and be among others who really care.

We meet at Blackfriars Settlement, 44 Nelson Square, SE1, every Wednesday at 8.15pm and there are thirteen other groups meeting weekly throughout London.

For details of these phone our office on 071 731 8060. There's always a friendly voice on the phone between 1pm and 4.30pm and a 24-hour answerphone service.

Joy

From white to pink Elephant

Buster Merryfield, Uncle Albert in the series 'Only Fools and Horses', did the honours last month in officially opening the newly-renovated subways at Elephant and Castle at a point ceremony to re-launch the shopping centre.

Reflecting the wildlife murals on the walls of the subway, pupils of Geoffrey Chaucer School were present in a variety of animal costumes. Other events included the popular Capital Radio bus, a Brazilian dance company and a fireworks display.

The new owners of the Elephant & Castle shopping centre are seeking partners to completely renovate the complex. In the meantime, they have opted for a change of image aimed at supporting the shopkeepers already trading in the centre and to introduce new ones.

Other changes include marking entrances with tensioned canopies, use of new

graphics, and building a 'street' of small workshops in the underused malls. A new management policy to encourage more traders allows new small businesses to start up with minimum cost and commitment and also encourages cultural

organisations to take space within the building.

The pink elephant may not be to everyone's liking but at least an effort is being made to brighten up this grey and drab corner of North Southwark.



Safer environment
Buster Merryfield opens the refurbished subways

GARDENING WITH JACKIE POWER

May heralds the gateway to summer and with plant growth well underway it is a good idea to feed the plants which are growing most quickly - a small top dressing of a compound, quick acting fertiliser hoed in during early May will help to sustain the long growing season ahead.

Some early roses have begun to make an appearance, whilst the spicy perfumed wallflowers are in profusion along with tulips and forget-me-nots.

Towards the end of May it will be time to fill window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs with their summer displays. There are many plants to choose from such as trailing lobelia, ivy leaved pelargoniums, trailing fuchsias, petunias and pendulous begonias. However for a change you could try strawberry plants. These are attractive and produce runners on which grow new small plantlets. They are also likely to produce fruit, providing you use a good humus rich soil in the basket/box.

With some parsley plants tucked into the side of the basket and marjoram, camomile and nasturtiums planted between the strawberry plants, this selection will make an unusual and fragrant basket or window box and one that will be useful throughout the summer and autumn months.

When preparing a hanging basket use spagnum moss (available at Garden Centres) to line it, then place a layer of black polythene punctured with holes over the moss before filling with soil. This helps to stop excessive water loss.

Plants grown in containers such as window boxes, tubs, pots and hanging baskets tend to dry out quickly even in damp weather so make sure that you water them thoroughly, especially in the dry spells and feed them regularly to keep the displays looking healthy throughout the summer.



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